

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1129 - SB 1123

March 9, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Changes, from December 31 to December 15, the annual date by which the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) must jointly provide a written list of available state and federal options under Medicaid and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015358): Deletes all language after the caption. Grants eligibility to participate in the Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program (Program) to persons who tend to one or more hoofed mammals, for the purpose of producing milk to be consumed by independent or partial owners of the hoofed mammal, should they meet the specified parameters. Requires funds from the Program be used for the procurement of dairy equipment and processing equipment that promotes public health, including, but not limited to, equipment for pasteurizing, testing, and bottling.

Requires farm owners to cooperate with the Departments of Health and Agriculture if a contamination outbreak occurs on a farm registered pursuant to this proposed legislation.

Permits the Department of Agriculture to assess a \$500 civil penalty to any individual who violates the rules of this proposed legislation. Requires all moneys collected pursuant to the proposed legislation to be made payable to the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service for the purpose of offsetting the cost to farm owners for completing the safe milk handling course.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The institutions to which these dairy farms will pay fees associated with completing the required sanitation course, as well as the extent of any such course fee, is unknown.

Given the relatively small number of dairy farms expected to engage in the business of unpasteurized products, it is assumed that any fee revenue to any particular institution offering the required sanitation course would be not significant.

- Due to the estimated low number of dairy farms, it is assumed that the proposed legislation will not impact total state funding allocated to or disbursed under the Program. Therefore, any net impact to state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Any revenue from the assessment of civil penalties is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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